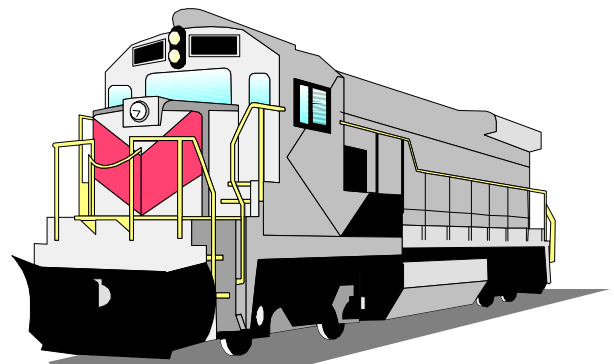
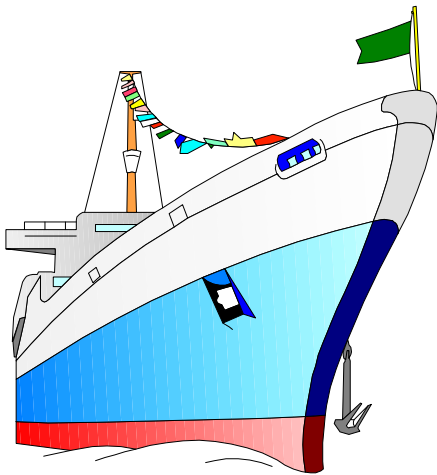
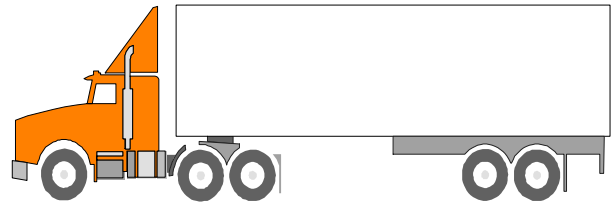


**COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION**

**TRANSPORTATION OF  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COMMODITIES**



## TRANSPORTATION MODES

USDA shipments move via motor carrier, intermodal marketing company, railroad, or ocean carrier service. Any interested transportation company that meets the requirements as stated in this document is welcome to participate in handling USDA commodities. Please feel free to contact the Chief, Traffic Operations Branch, Traffic Management Division (TMD), Kansas City Commodity Office (KCCO), at 816-926-6304 with any questions.

## MOTOR CARRIER SERVICE

USDA provides a variety of commodities for domestic food distribution programs. Half of our shipments move via motor carriers.

For a motor carrier to participate in Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) freight in interstate commerce, we require a *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* from the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granting that authority. We also require a carrier to comply with FHWA's requirements concerning bodily injury and property damage liability insurance, as well as cargo liability insurance. The insurance requirements are set out at 49 CFR 387, *Minimum Levels of Financial Responsibility for Motor Carriers*. (Carriers operating solely in intrastate commerce are required to file certificates of insurance with KCCO, TMD; a *Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* is not necessary.) Safety ratings established and maintained by FHWA are also monitored. A motor carrier shall have a satisfactory safety rating to participate in handling USDA commodities.

A motor carrier shall also complete KCCO's *Standard Rules Tender Governing Motor Carrier Transportation*, and file its rates with TMD. The *Standard Rules Tender* sets out operating rules for the motor carrier, accessorial charges, and the terms and conditions of carriage. Rates may be filed utilizing the *Tender of Rates and/or Charges for Transportation Service*, which will be supplied by TMD. Form MP-393, supplied by TMD, should also be completed and returned. TMD will review these filings for completeness prior to considering a carrier qualified. This information should be submitted to:

USDA, Traffic Management Division  
Traffic Operations Branch  
P. O. Box 419205  
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

Once a motor carrier qualifies, its rates and *Standard Rules Tender* will be kept on file, and may be utilized at any time. Carriers will be selected to handle shipments on the basis of their rate and service levels.

## INTERMODAL MARKETING COMPANY (IMC) SERVICE

Dry commodities involved in domestic food distribution programs are handled by IMCs for piggyback/intermodal shipments. Approximately 37% of our shipments move via IMCs.

For an IMC to participate in CCC freight, we require certificates of insurance to be filed with KCCO, TMD. IMCs are also required to furnish documentation from a rail company verifying that it has an ongoing business relationship with at least one rail company.

The IMC shall complete KCCO's *Standard Operating Agreement Governing Intermodal Transportation*. The *Standard Operating Agreement* sets out operating rules for our intermodal shipments, accessorial charges, and the terms and conditions of carriage. TMD will review these filings for completeness prior to considering an IMC qualified. This information should be submitted to the same address listed under **MOTOR CARRIER SERVICE**.

Once qualified, TMD will request rates from IMCs on a regular basis prior to shipment movement. IMCs will be selected to handle shipments on the basis of their rate and service levels.

## **OTHER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

The remainder of our shipments move in other transportation service (i.e., railroad, ocean carrier).

Railroad service is primarily used to transport commodities (dairy products) purchased through CCC price support programs. Rail carrier rate filings are utilized to determine if this transportation service will be appropriate for our shipments. Rail carriers are selected to handle shipments on the basis of rate, transit time, and service levels.

Ocean carrier service is utilized to handle shipments to and from noncontiguous domestic trade locations, such as Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U. S. trust territories. Ocean carrier tariffs are filed with the DOT's Surface Transportation Board, and set the rate for which an ocean carrier is to be compensated for handling cargo.

## **PAYMENTS - ALL MODES**

To comply with the **Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996**, payments will be made electronically utilizing the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system. Standard Form 1199A, **Direct Deposit Sign-Up Form**, will be supplied by TMD to transportation companies handling USDA shipments. The transportation company should complete this form and forward it to TMD.

## **KCCO COMMODITIES**

The types of commodities available to transport for KCCO include:

- Dairy products (milk, butter, cheese)
- Fruits and vegetables (canned and frozen)
- Mixed loads of dry freight

Please address any questions to the telephone number listed in the first paragraph, or by mail to the address listed under **MOTOR CARRIER SERVICE**.